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For: MESSAGE-AUTHENTICATED ENCRYPTION APPARATUS OR DECRYPTION  
APPARATUS FOR COMMON-KEY CIPHER

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claims the priority of:

**Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-157444, filed on June 3, 2003.**

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